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City's Recreation Programs Will Put the Ho-Ho-Ho into Your Holiday Season



The City's 1994 holiday season officially begins on December 2, when the Jolly Old Elf himself arrives in Romulus.

The Romulus Recreation Department has planned a sleighful of activi-

ties to usher in this year's winter holidays. Local residents can look forward to events designed to promote a community-wide spirit of the season through ceremony and song, as well as to other activities where they can make use of their individual creativity and skills.

First on the agenda is the last of the Super Saturday trips, scheduled for November 19. A bus-load of Romulus residents will be driven to the spectacular Wayne County Festival of Lights display to view the laser and light show. Seating is limited; the cost of the trip is just \$1 per person.

On Monday, November 21, participants in the third annual Thanksgiving Day Shoot-out will vie to win a turkey by making more free throws (in 10 attempts) than anyone else in their age division (eight to 11, 12 to 15, and 16 through adult). The event will be held at Cory Elementary School (Wayne and Smith roads) at 6 p.m.; preregistration will

begin at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$1 per try (limit: two attempts).

On Friday, December 2, the City will welcome Santa's arrival with caroling and a tree-lighting at a 6:30 p.m. ceremony at the Historic Park (Bibbins and Hunt streets, south of the Post Office). Afterward, youngsters will have an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and give Santa their wish-list at a reception to be held at Wick Elementary School.

A series of Saturday "Kids Craft Clinics" will be conducted at the Recreation Building on December 3, 10, and 17. Planned projects include constructing finger puppets, ornaments, special candy canes, and holiday elves. The cost for all three sessions is \$12; individual craft clinics cost \$5 each.

Adults, too, will have a chance to create their own holiday decorations at craft classes arranged especially for them. Projects will include making potpourri pie, shirt painting, and construct-

ing holiday bells and Christmas centerpieces. Classes are set for December 6, 10, 13, and 19; cost of the classes varies.

Another holiday event on the Recreation Department's calendar is a "City Christmas Lights Tour" set for Friday, December 16. Cost for the tour, which begins at City Hall starting at 6 p.m., is just \$1 per person.

Finally, youngsters can be sure that Santa has all the information that he needs to make their Christmas special by attending a "Lunch with Santa" program at the Recreation Building on Saturday, December 17, at 1:30 p.m. A menu of hot dogs, chips, drink, and dessert will be featured; cost is \$3 for the first child, \$2 for each additional child and/or parent.

For more details on any of the Recreation Department's holiday activities, please call the office at 942-6852 or the Recreation Hotline at 941-6040. □

Advent, Twelfth Night Traditions Help Children Learn About the True Spirit of Christmas

Christmas arrives. The children's anticipation heightens as the family gathers around the tree. Finally, after what seems an endless wait, they open their presents. Joy abounds.

On the following day, it is hard for a child to believe that Christmas is over. It is not that he or she is expecting an endless chain of presents; rather, the child seems to experience a sudden letdown, a realization that Christmas was all too short.

There are ways to help a child prepare for the arrival of Christmas and to hold the Christmas spirit during the days that follow.

The season of Advent is a time when the house can be prepared for Christmas with an Advent wreath or calendar that begins December 1 and ends on Christmas Eve, thus counting down the days before Christmas.

"The preparation of a manger scene can help the children focus on the arrival of the Jesus child," says Heinz Grotzke, importer of Ostheimer Toys,

which makes over 400 handcrafted wooden collectibles, including a complete manger scene. "During the first two weeks of Advent, children can prepare the physical environment of the scene, surrounding the manger with moss or rocks or small wooden trees. The third week, they can bring in the animals. At the beginning of the fourth week, they can place the shepherds with their animals and place the Joseph and Mary figures in a far corner of the room. Each day before they go to bed or when they wake, they can move Mary and Joseph closer to the manger until they arrive at the manger on Christmas Eve. That night, children can place the child in the crib."

And if you celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, you can also celebrate the 12 days of Christmas with your children as a time of fulfillment. Following the festivities and gift exchanges during Christmas Day, bring out the figurines of the three kings and place them in a far corner of the house

or apartment. The three kings had seen a star appear in the sky, guiding them to the place where the child was born. On each night of the 12 days, gather around the Christmas tree or manger and read or tell a Christmas story and sing a few carols. The children can be encouraged to move the three kings closer to the manger on each successive night until the kings arrive at the manger on January 6. This day is called Epiphany or Three Kings Day and, in many orthodox Christian religions, it is on this day that presents are given. It might be a wonderful experience for the child to receive one last present at the end of the Christmas season.

"Throughout Advent, Christmas, and the 12 days of Christmas, the manger can be a place for children to reenact the arrival of the Jesus child," says Grotzke. "It can engage the entire family in preparing for the Christmas holiday and in helping to maintain a sense of the Christmas spirit in the days that follow." □

Make a Case for Caring: Help Feed the Hungry

The Gleaners Community Food Bank has announced its sixth annual "Help Feed the Hungry: Buy a Case of Food" program, and readers of "the little paper" can take a direct role in it by using the public service coupon on page 7 and selecting the cases of food that they wish to donate to the needy. Simply mail your check, along with the coupon, to Gleaners Community Food Bank. The monies from the campaign will be used to purchase and distribute cases of food at no cost to Gleaners' member agencies. Gleaners distributes food to over 200 nonprofit member soup kitchens, pantries, shelters, and other feeding agencies.

Please make a case for caring by responding generously this holiday season. Your gift will do much to provide nourishing meals for unemployed households, working poor families, low-income mothers, and others in need. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Councilman's Wife Answers Accusations

An open letter:

It appears that, for the past several weeks, a certain citizen of Romulus has continued to invade the privacy of my husband's and my financial and business, as well as personal affairs. When you invade my husband's privacy, you invade mine. Now I, Mrs. Jimmie C. Raspberry, must stand up, roll up my sleeves, speak out, be heard, and make myself known.

Whoever has an ear to listen, listen:

When it comes to political affairs, City issues, or other aspects of politics, it's Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry's ball game. But when it comes to an invasion of our personal privacy, then the ball game gets turned over to Mrs. Jimmie C. Raspberry.

So, Ms. Gwen Sibert, this is directed to you: Everyone who knows about City permits knows that the person(s) hired to do a job is/are the person(s) who obtain the permits for the job. Furthermore, as stated before (but putting it more mildly): "It's none of your business."

Also, when an individual holds an elected office, it often happens that the individual will use his/her political clout to speak out and/or try to persuade voters about an issue at hand. There is nothing politically incorrect when an elected official does this.

I resent the fact, Ms. Sibert, that not only have you invaded the privacy of our business affairs, but you've also, in the past, invaded the privacy of my home with your repeated, disrespectful phone calls. Despite your disrespect, you were given an opportunity to confer with me about your questions, but you never took advantage of that opportunity. Had you done so, I might have shared with you the information that you sought. Instead, you declined my invitation and have continued this invasion of personal privacy on City Council meeting time, even though it has nothing to do with City business. Since you have gone out of your way to direct your personal attacks at an open meeting,

then I must likewise use a public forum to reply to your attacks – but in a more tactful manner.

Sometimes I question your real motives, Ms. Sibert, and wonder whether this is more a personal vendetta rather than a political attack. I personally believe that you are not fit for the political ball game because you keep standing way out in left field, wandering about and missing sight of the political ball each time.

So you see, Ms. Sibert, my husband owes you nothing of an apology – and, in case you were considering asking one of me, I don't owe you anything, either! If anything, I demand that you apologize to my husband for invading our personal privacy! You say that you're a woman with children? I say that you are a very disrespectful woman with children.

Also, Ms. Sibert, I am not going to ask you to do anything, but I am going to tell you to do one thing: and that is to immediately stop this slanderous invasion of privacy which is leading to zero. You should stop wasting City Council time by involving yourself in other people's personal affairs when they are not of political nature, not part of City business, and have nothing to do with City administration, City Council, or other issues now at hand.

So, Ms. Sibert, if you feel that you are not liable for what you have already encroached upon and are now invading, then I suggest that you contact an attorney.

Mrs. Jimmie C. Raspberry
Romulus

Reader Comments on EDS Well Project

To the editor:

The following are my comments, opinions, and observations regarding the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) deep-well project in Romulus.

I believe that most of the problems could have been avoided if the citizens were given adequate notice (one we could interpret) to comment during the permitting process. (While I am on the subject of the public notice, why didn't *The Romulus News* notify the citizens of the public hearing? After all, you have stated numerous times that EDS has kept you informed from the beginning. In my opinion, you were like the soldier left to stand guard, but who fell asleep while the City was slaughtered.)

Another one of my observations was that two people (one from the Environmental Protection Agency and one

from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources) who were involved in the permitting process are now employed by EDS. Something just does not sound right here!

Further, you have stated on numerous occasions that the University of Michigan's Geological Sciences Department was hired to do a "site-specific geological study." This is a fraudulent lie. The University of Michigan never sanctioned such a study!

My investigation into these specific types of wells shows that they fail on a regular basis (according to a 1989 U.S.–G.O.A. study), not to mention the surface accidents (which are the majority of the infractions) and the emission of toxic gases from these facilities that are killing and mutating people in Vickery, Ohio and Winona, Texas. These are real-life cases from real-life injection facilities. In fact, I could not find one facility of this type that did not have problems. Once these facilities are operational, you cannot stop them! For example, the facility in Winona, Texas, has 2,591 violations, yet they are still

operational with no stopping them in sight! So much for your government protecting you!

Except for one province, Canada has a moratorium on this type of well due to the problems that they have experienced. I can remember a well in Sarnia, Ontario injecting waste there, and some undesirable "goo" coming up in the Port Huron post office parking lot as a result.

I realize that you are probably saying: This issue is about zoning. Well, Doug Wicklund (president of EDS) said it best on page 29 of his "Prospectus": "No assurances can be given that someone will not challenge the use of the Properties for the proposed Well(s) or that such a challenge will not be successful."

I would also like to comment on the insinuations made that RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) sent the death threat and severed animal head. This is not only untrue, but also slanderous. If it was true, why would they want the best law-enforce-

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ment agencies in the Country investigating it? You also insinuated that over 5,000 signatures were obtained by misinformation and intimidation. This is also slanderous, not to mention the fact that you just called over 5,000 people stupid and impressionable for signing their names, addresses, and telephone numbers for a cause that they believe in. Is it your position that we are that ignorant? If John Ryznar, Mary Ann (Ryznar) Goodman, Roberta (Ryznar) Trubiano, Dolores Witzgall, and Charles Griffiths III want to live next to a hazardous injection well, maybe RECAP can put together a fund raiser to buy them some real cheap land in Winona, Texas!

In conclusion, this project has been a fiasco and a travesty of justice from the beginning. The City has a duty to protect its citizens from any potential hazard, no matter what the costs are. The costs could be recouped in court anyway. The 1989 City of Romulus master plan never included a hazardous injection well. In Michigan, we have the world's largest supply of fresh water; why endanger it?

If push comes to shove, the citizens may have a lawsuit of their own. After all, we have the inalienable right to control our own destiny.

So here is my proposed settlement to EDS: Doug Wicklund and EDS, move out of Romulus and give up the hazardous injection practice, and we will pay to cap the "well."

Tim Spiewak
Romulus

Some Comments from the Editor

While I will refrain from responding to most of your letter's statements, since they have been rebutted so many times in the past that I'm as sick of the subject as most of our readers probably are, I do have one or two comments.

First and foremost, referring to an earlier editorial which stated that a site-specific geological study was performed by the University of Michigan: While it was, admittedly, sloppy journalism on my part to over-generalize by attributing the study to the University, the fact remains that such a study was performed by Dr. Joyce M. Budai, director, Subsurface Laboratory, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Michigan. Yes, the study was commissioned (and therefore paid for) by EDS; such practices are commonplace in the business and professional world. What is not commonplace is for someone to endanger his/her professional reputation — and, therefore, the success of his/her entire career — by publishing misleading or downright inaccurate information in a commissioned study. Dr. Budai would have received payment from EDS for her work regardless of her

findings; why, then, would she jeopardize her reputation — on which her ability to land future consulting jobs would be based — to lie for EDS, with which she has no personal connection? I'm not so naive as to believe that there is no corruption in the world; still, I do prefer to have some evidence of wrongdoing before I assume that it has occurred. To believe, as some of our readers apparently do, that being paid for work automatically means being *bought and paid for* seems ridiculous, even paranoid, to me. Consider what it would mean in our everyday lives, where money changes hands in a staggering number of goods and services transactions, if such corruption was the norm!

As to the insinuations of which you accuse me: I have never *insinuated* anything of the kind; what you *inferred* from my comments is beyond my control and indicative of your thinking, not mine.

And yes, you're right: I *will* say that the well project is now a zoning issue. Whether or not the well should be here at all could have been an issue a few years ago, but now its as dead as whether the US should have sent troops to Vietnam.

This is yesterday's news, Mr. Spiewak, and — though we have, in our efforts to present both sides of this sensitive issue, printed the letters of everyone who has written to us on the subject, regardless of their position — we can't continue to devote space to people who want to rehash last year's information. I'm sorry that you missed front-page articles which appeared in both our paper and *The Romulus Roman*, and that you missed information about the status of the project which was disseminated at various City Council meetings; all I can say is that, if you want to be involved in your community's decision-making process, you have to make an effort to stay informed all the time. In the end, Mr. Spiewak, I believe that it was *you* who fell asleep during guard duty! Please don't make the rest of us pay the price for your mistake. □

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November 16, 1994

To The Citizens of Romulus,

For nearly a year now the residents of Romulus have been bombarded with misinformation of all kinds of environmental issues which supposedly relate to Environmental Disposal Systems' Deep Injection Well. Much of this information has little or nothing to do with our project, or with fact, and is intended by opponents of EDS' project to generate a climate of fear and intimidation. The latest example of this fear mongering occurred last Monday night. A lengthy video was run on the local cable channel which, although represented to be news, included a lot of home video footage of personal tragedies and unusual events which were all being blamed on a Texas waste treatment facility.

No mention was made of the fact that the Texas facility bears no resemblance to what EDS is proposing here in Romulus. No mention was made of the fact that the type of wastes received at the facility for treatment are not what EDS is planning on disposing of. And finally, no serious connection was even made between the mentioned problems, involving generations of people, and the facility which has been operating for little more than 10 years. We called the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and they confirmed that no link has ever been established between the facility and any of the problems so graphically pictured.

Unfortunately, for the residents of Romulus this is not the first time they have been subjected to such blatant misrepresentation and deception. On numerous occasions, opponents of EDS' project have described a General Accounting Office (GAO) Study which supposedly addresses problems with wells such as EDS'. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Study in question describes an entirely different type of well. Class I Deep Injection Wells, such as EDS', are not even mentioned in the Study, at all. We have a copy and will be happy to share it with any concerned citizen who is still trying to find out the facts about our Project.

We've done our homework and simply ask that residents interested in our project do some of their own. Please, don't allow yourself to be intimidated or deceived with misinformation. This is a serious business, we know it and we believe you do as well. Get the full picture for yourself or demand that your City government seek professional help in learning about it on your behalf. Don't allow yourself to be taken in for someone else's purpose.

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- **Holiday Decoration Contest** – The City of Romulus Beautification Committee is sponsoring a contest for those homes decorated for the Christmas season. First- (\$50), second- (\$25), and third-place (\$10) prizes will be awarded. All entries (for your home) and/or nominations (for your neighbor's home) must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Monday, December 12. Entries/nominations – including name, address, major cross streets, and contact telephone number – should be submitted in writing (address entries to: Julie Wojtylko, Chairperson, City of Romulus Beautification Committee, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174) or by calling 942-7537 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Judging will be conducted December 13–16 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **Foster Care Informational Meeting** – Girlstown Foundation is in need of caring people to work with abused/neglected youth through its foster-parent program. To learn more, attend an informational meeting to be held at the group's foster-care office (397 Main Street, Suite 3, Belleville) on Wednesday, November 30, at 5 p.m. For information, call Ms. Collier at 697-4804.
- **Moonlight Bowling** – Please help Romulus Little League 1995 get back on its feet! You can show your support while having a good time by participating in an evening of Moonlight Bowling at Woodhaven Lanes on Friday, December 2, at 10 p.m. Cost is just \$15 per person. For ticket information, call Cathy (941-7612) or Julie (941-6797).
- **Christmas Is For Children** – The Macomb Junior Players will present a delightful holiday musical program, *Christmas Is For Children*, at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (Macomb Community College, one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall/M-59 and Garfield roads in Clinton Township). Tickets are \$5; for information, call the Macomb Center Box Office (810-286-2222) weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The Nutcracker** – The Taylor Ballet Americana, with the Allen Park Symphony Orchestra, will present *The Nutcracker* on Friday, December 9 (8 p.m.); Saturday, December 10 (8 p.m.); and Sunday, December 11 (3 p.m.), at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston). Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens/students. For more information, call 782-5380 or 654-0167.
- **Firefighters' New Year's Eve Party** – Romulus Fire Stations #2 and #4 will hold their New Year's Eve Party fund raiser at Romulus Progressive Hall on Saturday, December 31, from 7 p.m. till 3 a.m. The ticket price (\$50/couple; \$30/single) covers dinner (served at 8 p.m.), beer, set-ups, champagne toast, door prizes, and music provided by Jon Ray of WHND–WCSX Radio. For tickets or more information, call either Jim (942-7195), George (721-3552), Kevin (941-1990), or the Romulus Fire Department (941-8585).
- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 15th Annual "Person of the Year" award. The only criterion for eligibility is that the nominee must have made a significant contribution to the community. Forms can be obtained by calling the Chamber (326-4290); nominations must be received by December 1, 1994.

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Grant To Fund Demolition of 10 Abandoned Structures

The City of Romulus has received a \$60,000 grant under the new Child Violence Prevention Grant Program, according to State Representative Greg Pitoniak (D-Taylor).

The grant, said Pitoniak, will provide funding for the demolition and clearance of 10 abandoned structures located near Romulus schools. The intent behind the demolition grants is the removal of potentially hazardous structures which tend to attract inappropriate behavior such as drug trafficking.

"We need to clean up our neighborhoods and reduce the violence to which our kids are exposed, and this grant will certainly assist us in doing that," Pitoniak said. "With only limited resources being available for this kind of effort, I am pleased that Romulus was among the recipients."

A total of \$2.5 million had been

available for the nonmatching grants, and the full amount was distributed among 67 recipients. A total of 52 structures will be demolished.

Distribution was through the Department of Commerce, with recipients meeting the requirements that the project could be implemented in a short period of time, the demolition expenses were cost effective, and the community had the ability to administer the demolition itself. □

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"By keeping construction on track, these funds will help Metro Airport to continue to be a catalyst for economic growth in southeastern Michigan," he said.

The funds will be used to continue construction of an access road to the Airport's planned midfield terminal. When completed, the south access road will run underground, beneath two runways, to connect the north and south ends of Metro Airport and to link I-275 to the midfield terminal. This project is intended to expand and improve Metro's service and relieve congestion on I-94.

"Michigan workers will directly benefit from this construction and the improvements we funded will make sure that new jobs come to our area," stated Ford. The Metro Airport project employs 200 to 300 workers at any given time, and is one of the largest building projects in the State.

In addition, Ford announced that the Department of Transportation (DOT) released \$6 million for two other projects at Metro Airport. Approximately \$5 million would be used for acquiring land near the Airport's south approaches to conform with noise compatibility standards and for providing relocation assistance. DOT also provided over \$1.2 million for rehabilitation of an Airport apron to conform with the Airport's improvements on concourse "G." □



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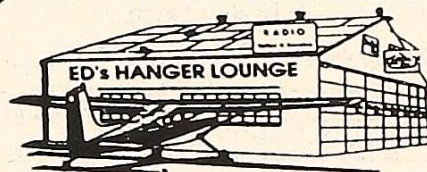


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With Best Regards On Thanksgiving

A long, long time ago, two very different groups of people proved that teamwork can help overcome hardship and produce some very fruitful results. It is that sentiment that comes to mind today, when I think of the many people who have supported me in my efforts to fairly represent the community over the years. Happy Thanksgiving and sincere thanks.

Jimmie C. Raspberry
Romulus City Councilman



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Romulus Recreation Department is looking for coaches/supervisors for its after school basketball program, which meets Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Some basketball knowledge and ability to work with youngsters required. The Department is also seeking a bus driver to transport students home after the program. For application information, contact the City of Romulus Personnel Office by calling Marilyn Radford at 942-7512.

Historical Society "Notes"

By Pearl Varner and Kenneth Krueger

This past summer, the Romulus Historical Society scheduled several field trips to local historical sites, including the Huron Township Historical Society's first Historic Site Marker dedication and Mill Race Village, located in Northville.

The Society is very excited to announce the recent acquisition of an 11-piece collection of Native American artifacts. This collection was graciously donated by Linda Collier in memory of her parents, Cliff and Loretta Collier. The entire collection is on display at the Romulus Historical Museum, and includes Native American blades, scrapers, drills, and projectiles. These artifacts were catalogued and identified by Museum volunteers, Nancy and Marty Martinez of Carleton.

The City of Romulus will hold its annual Tree Light Ceremony at the Romulus Historic Park on Friday, December 2. During this time, the

Museum will be opened to the public and will be featuring Christmas displays. The displays are changed periodically, so come and see our new additions.

The Society has indeed been fortunate in acquiring the services of Kathy Billings, CAP, a partner with the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel of Wayne, to file its annual reports to both the State and Federal governments. Kathy does this free of charge, and the Society is grateful for the contribution to the group.

The Romulus Historical Museum is open on Sundays (except holidays) from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The Museum also houses a wonderful archives that contains Romulus history and genealogical material. Researchers are welcome.

For more information on the Museum or the Society, please call Mrs. Varner at 697-9628. □

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One of the pleasures of the holiday season is looking forward to cards, letters, and even packages from dear ones. But all that good cheer means a larger-than-average volume of mail for our post offices to handle. To speed mail processing, the Postal Service has largely converted to high-technology scanners and bar-code sorters, but mailers must play an important part, too, by addressing mail so that it is "readable" by these machines. Here are a few simple guidelines to follow:

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trophes to separate the city, state, and ZIP Codes because optical scanners and bar-code sorters work better when they don't have to read punctuation.

- Use standard abbreviations, such as ST for street and DR for drive. Always provide apartment and suite numbers, adjacent to or above the street address line – never below.
- Always use correct ZIP Codes or the correct ZIP+4, if known.
- When using an attention line, place it on top of the address block.
- Leave a one-eighth-inch area in the lower righthand corner of the envelope blank; that's where the optical scanner sprays the bar code.
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Cory Honor Roll Recognizes Students' Academic Excellence

Congratulations to the following Cory Elementary School students for demonstrating academic excellence and making the honor roll during the first marking period of the 1994-1995 school year. (Note: an asterisk denotes students who made the principal's honor roll.)

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Kevin Baber, *Aaron Brown, Joseph Brown, *Tracie Finley, *Amber Frazzitta, Talisa Garcia, *Catrina Green, Ryan Henne, *Jamie Hool, *Amy Hudson, *Melissa Izobo, Courtney Kelsey, *Yohanaus King, *Makenzie Logan, Marla Manier, John McCullough, and

Walter Nastal.

Ms. English's Room

Heather Clark, Christopher Conley, Maranda Cushman, *Kelly Hardway, Jamie Henne, Amanda Izobo, Amber Knight, Alexander Macfarlane, *Heather Patrick, *Andrew Rodger, TaKara Roquemore, and Cassie Wilson.

Ms. Gilkey's Room

Lester Bell, Brittany Bingham, *Elizabeth Caburet, Roger Chapman, *Adam Gibbons, *Michelle Gonzalez, Heather Hislop, Jasmine Mark, *Chris Moore, and Deon Solomon.

Ms. Green's Room

Jessica Aymer, Antoine Bailey, Amanda Bassett, *Eric Brooks, *Nikki Carr, *Xavier Clemons, Rochelle Davis, *Dayna Dawson, *Perry Gray, *Megan Kelly, *Leah Lazenby, *Michael Madison, *Tomus Maine, *Tasha Mullins, *Ruben Paillere, and Emily Waszkiewicz.

Ms. Morgan's Room

Timothy Amrine, Brandonlyn Bates, *Taritonye Burutolu, *Keyrion Campbell, *Brenda Finley, *Della Hamby, Jamal James, Gregory Johnson, *Marcia Manier, *Faliccia Modzynski, Matthew Slater, Clifford Smith, *Chavez Smith,

*Latoya Starr, Matthew Troutt, and DeAngelo Watts.

Ms. Pluff's Room

*Rashad Bingham, Brandon Bostain, *Sarah Branham, *Theresa Chadwick, Janice Colburn, *Jessica Deverich, *Michele Faucett, *Tia Flemings, *Alicia Harbor, *Sabrina Hool, Brian Johnson, *Shaenna Kettlewell, Nicole Kizer, *Marlon Manier, *Spencer Miller, *Cynthia Pasek, Nicole Radford, Jamie Ross, *Sarah Schatilo, Karron Smith, Ronald Smith, *Ryan Tackett, *Shekiyah Taylor, Jeffery Warren, *Mark Wheeler, and *Kiera Wilson.

Ms. Price's Room

Joshua Brown, Stacey Clarke, Raleah Davis, *Carissa Drobil, Randall Frye, Jennalee Gonzalez, *Stephanie Jones, *Nicole Lienda, Larnie Neal, Amber Sledd, Andrew Staple, and *Marvin Wheeler.

Ms. Washington's Room

*Alexis Brown, Larry Harris, *Chris Higgins, Mychael Hill, Tracy Hojara, *Keith Hubbard, Corrin Michaux, Stephanie Monat, Jawane Simmons, *Ashley Slone, *Christopher Talley, and Nancy Whittemore. □

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 24, 1994 was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman absent (excused). Mr. Howard J. Kesner was absent. All Administrators were present. Mr. Kesner entered the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

Public Hearing on 1994-95 Budget:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, offered the 1994-95 proposed budget to the Board of Education for their review and responded to questions from them and members of the audience.

Approval of Agenda:

10/94/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

10/94/16 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of October 10, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, President, acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Western Wayne NOW regarding sexual harassment policy. Dr. LeCesne stated that we have said policy in place.

The Board of Education responded to questions and concerns presented to them by various members of the audience.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

19/94/17 Moved by Gondek supported by Patterson to accept the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/94/18 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Budgets:

General Fund

10/94/19 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education adopt the 1994-95 General Fund Budget with revenue of \$30,378,240 and expenditures of \$29,423,267. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Debt Funds:

10/94/20 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board of Education adopt the 1994-95 Debt Fund Budget as recommended by the administration. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Service Funds:

10/94/21 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education adopt the School Service Fund Budgets as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Possible Foundation Establishment

10/94/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson to establish a non-profit foundation to raise money independently from the School District to support programs and to adopt the proposed by-laws; articles of incorporation; and proposed Resolutions. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Lawyer's Letter - Special Ed Case

There was no action taken.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent:

The following items of interest were shared with the Board of Education: 1) WSU Letter - Praise; 2) Dolan/Stoh Presenters, and 3) DNR - Wick School.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judith A. Gondek asked the status of the Service Learning Grant; also, should the Board participate in Student of the Month, and questioned whether Middle School CAICs were running.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley commented on the luncheon/tour at Wick Elementary School for the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Session

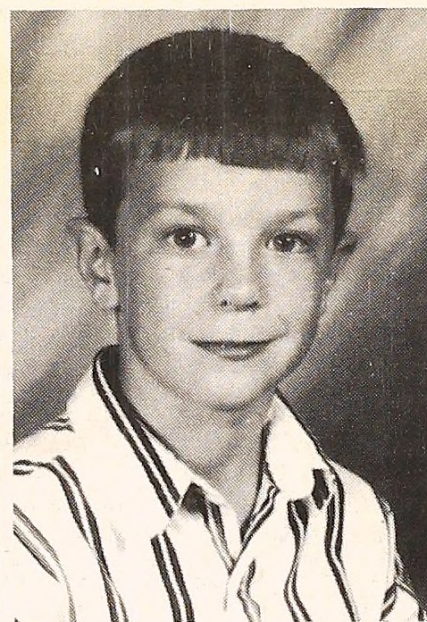
None needed.

Adjournment:

10/94/23 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education



Congratulations!

Brian and Linda McNeil of Romulus are proud of son Andrew McNeil, who not only made the honor roll for the first card marking of the 1994-1995 school year, but also received all A's.

Congratulations, Andrew, and keep up the good work! □

RHS Calendar "Distinguished"

Congratulations to Louise Briody, Romulus High School principal's secretary, whose "1993-94 Calendar and Student Guidelines" was awarded "Distinguished" honors in the print media category of the annual Michigan School Public Relations Association communications contest. The calendar was judged, along with other entries from across the State, on readability, content, and appearance. Also named in the award was Karole Vondrak, secretary for the Athletic Director. (photo by Lasting Images, courtesy of Romulus High School) □



Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

Closed for Thanksgiving

The Romulus Senior Center staff would like to remind everyone that the Center will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

Tax Trainees Sought

The Romulus Senior Center is offering free training in tax preparation (Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property tax forms) to anyone who will volunteer one day per week in the months of February, March, and April, 1995, to prepare free tax returns for senior citizens at the Romulus Senior Center. The five-day course will be held sometime in the first part of January. Volunteers will be reimbursed for expenses; transportation to the Center will be provided. For more information, please contact Barbara Schultz at the Center: 942-6852.

Self-Defense Class

A self-defense class designed just for seniors is being planned for Tuesday, November 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Center. There is no fee; a light lunch will be provided for participants. Sign up at the Center.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions will depart from the Center at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 a.m.

Boar's Head Festival

Romulus seniors have again been invited to attend the Grosse Ile Boar's Head Festival, an indoor pageant of holiday music and dance that's presented every four years by the island's churches. Over 700 residents participate in this colorful spectacle which highlights entertainment, feasting, and the simple beauty of the Christmas story. The cost for the trip, which will take place on December 13, is \$3; a stop for supper (at your own expense) will be included. This trip is already half full, so sign up right away if you're interested.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **Wheeling, West Virginia** – Enjoy holiday entertainment and music when you travel to Wheeling, West Virginia, to see one of America's premier Christmas light shows. The cost of the two-day tour, which departs December 4, is \$129 per person (based on double-occupancy rates), and covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's lodgings, a city tour, and entertainment.
- **Gambling "Up North"** – This trip to the casinos of Sault Ste. Marie is a perfect winter getaway for seniors because hotel rooms, food, and entertainment are all under one roof! The \$119 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the two-day/one-night outing, which departs on January 26, includes round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, one night's lodging, \$20 in quarters, \$10 in blackjack chips, one pull tab, two free drinks, and a 10% discount at the restaurant. This trip is filling up fast; sign up now.

Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctors appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible. For further information, call Barbara (942-6852).

FOCUS: HOPE for Seniors

Senior citizens age 60 and over can apply for FOCUS: HOPE benefits at the Romulus distribution site (Family & Neighborhood Services) if their income does not exceed \$797 per month (one person)/\$1,066 per month (two persons). For more information, or to apply, please call Pam St. Clair at 782-9800. □

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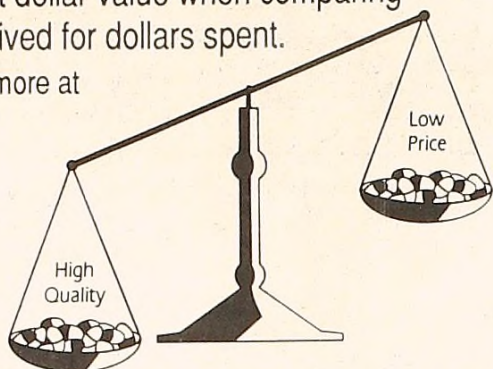
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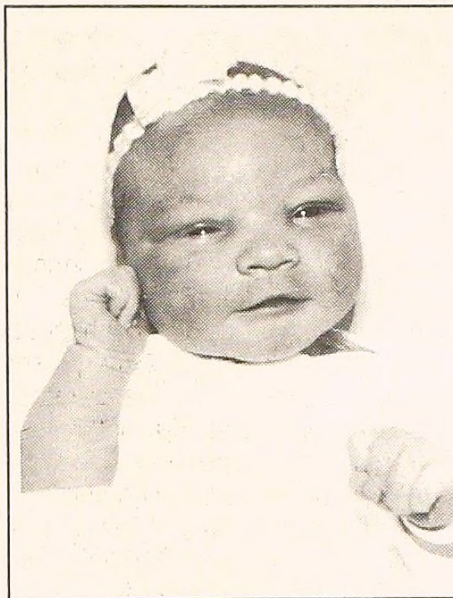
The Stork Arrived

Sabrina LeAnne Atherton

Proudly announcing the birth of their only daughter, Sabrina LeAnne, are Tonya Atherton and Jerold Tennille of Romulus, Michigan.

Sabrina was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, 1993. At birth, she weighed seven pounds and eight ounces, and measured 21³/₄ inches in length.

Harry and Janet Atherton (Romulus, MI) are Sabrina's maternal grandparents; her paternal grandparents are Clarence and Laverne Tennille (Romulus, MI). □

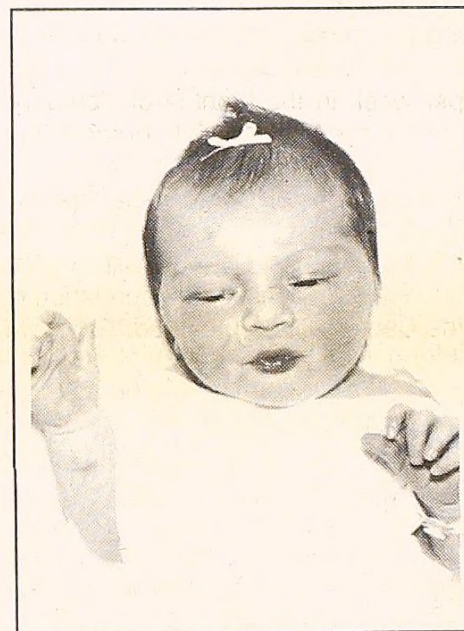


Savannah Rose Moffat

Randy and Terri (Crout) Moffat of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their firstborn child, Savannah Rose.

Savannah was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 7:02 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 1994. At birth, she weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Savannah's grandparents are Harry and Sandy Crout and Howard and Pat Moffat (all of Romulus, MI). Her great-grandparents are Harvey and Betty Rhodes (Belleville, MI), Joe and Gladys Tanzos (Buena Vista, PA), and Helen Moffat (Pinellas Park, FL). □



Obituary

Leland E. Searcy

Leland E. Searcy of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, November 9, 1994. He was 66 years old.

Born in Lexington, Kentucky, on August 11, 1928, Leland married Nora L. (Sammons) Searcy on November 5, 1954, and worked as a skilled tradesman for General Motors at the Fisher Body plant in Livonia.

Leland is survived by his son Mark (Diane) Searcy (Romulus, MI); daughter Mrs. Dave (Deborah) Callison (Romulus, MI); and granddaughter Kelly Callison. His wife predeceased him on August 29, 1993.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 12, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by

Crane Funeral Home. Memorial tributes may be made to Calvary Baptist. □



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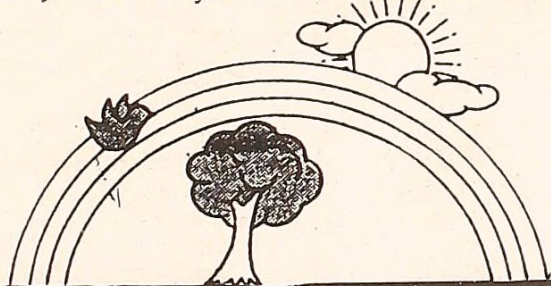
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